



***An Extraordinary Appeal for Donations for the Church
Case for Support: Heating and Cooling Our Church***



One of the major focal places of our shared Catholic faith is what occurs in our church building.

We hear the word of God. We experience the Mass ... the Body and Blood of Christ.

We experience the major events in our life in our church building.

The place we call a church can be the place where we experience our faith in all of the moments of our life from birth to death. From babes to adults being baptized, children having their first reconciliation, then their first communion, for adults being brought into the faith, marriages, songs and hymns, concerts, week after week, we come together in this place.

One of the hidden servants in this place is the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system also known as an HVAC system.

Our Heating and Ventilation system was installed in the original building of the church in 1967 when it was built. When it was installed it was a heating and ventilation system. The system was designed to move 40,000 tons of air through the building.

This system ceased to function in February 2016. The Building Committee found that the system could not be repaired in a long standing fashion and researched the appropriate and energy effective system for our church. In the modern era, these kinds of systems provide both heating during our mild winters and cooling during those hot days of summer.

The cost of an HVAC system including a custom heating coil, duct work, contractors, asbestos mitigation, and special appeal cost is currently estimated to be around \$250,000. This exceeds the current Church Maintenance Fund.

The Administrative Council has recommended to the Pastor who has authorized an extraordinary fundraising for this amount to be raised between now and fall 2016 to fund this project. Donations to this



project will be made by members and others to St. Matthew and will be considered to be "extraordinary and over-and-above regular giving".

Cash donations or other kinds of gifts that can be readily converted to cash will be received by no later than October 2016.

Other ways of giving could include

- work groups hired to do a project where proceeds are given to the Appeal
- give a donation online at WeShare at <https://stmatthewhillsboro.weshareonline.org/>
- proceeds from a sale of an item that are donated to the appeal
- matching gifts from employers or companies that provide this kind of giving
- donor directed funds as the Fidelity Charitable Fund
- hosting a party of St Matthew family and friends to encourage them to the Appeal
- monthly gift from now until October 2016 designated to the Appeal
- Giving any way you want and are called to do by God.

This extraordinary appeal for funds will be conducted by the St Matthew Office of Development with a Team of committed volunteers ensuring the success of the program.

Appropriate thanks and recognition will be extended to donors and contributors to this appeal including a parish celebration.

Prayer:

O God, you give us all things including our place of worship.

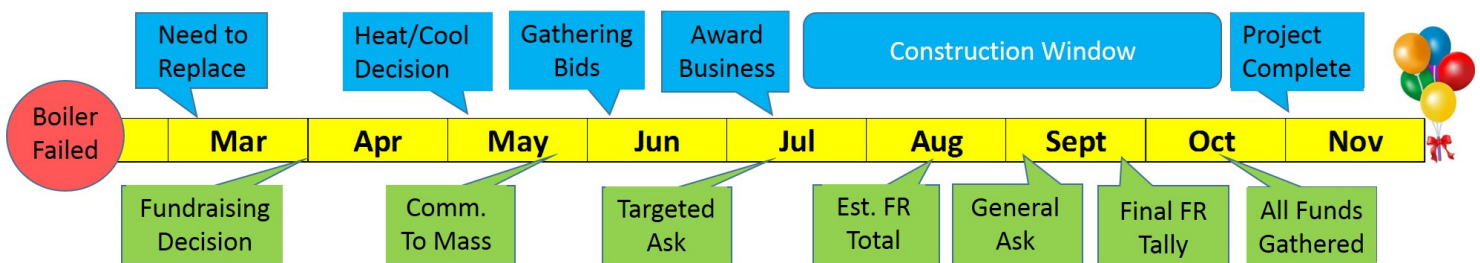
Lead us, guide us, direct us as we discern our giving.

We pray for other parishioners as they discern their giving.

May we experience your generosity through our giving, support, and success of this special appeal.

With your Son and the Holy Spirit, we praise you for ever and ever. Amen

Timeline for Project



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